(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if no, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (e) The Employment Exchanges register the job-seekers and sponsor their names against the vacancies notified to them. They have no role in generating employment. There is no provision for securing jobs for people registered with employment exchanges. Due to emergence of various specialised recruitment bodies like Staff Selection Commission (SSC), Banking Service Recruitment Boards (BSRB), Railway Recruitment Boards (RRB) etc., the role of employment exchanges in placement is becoming restricted. Moreover, majority of job-seekers registered with employment exchanges are either unskilled or they do not have skills that are required in the labour market. In view of the above, a large number of job-seekers are not able to get jobs even after being registered for long periods.

Identity Cards to Visit Nepal

*433. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian travellers will be required to carry identity cards soon for visit to Nepal;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) the position with regard to citizen crossing into Nepal border by road?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) With effect from October 1,2000, Indian citizens, except for children up to the age of 10 years, would be requried to be in possession of any one of the following documents while travelling by air between the two countires:

* Valid national passport.

* Photo identity card issued by the Government of India/any State Government or Union Territory Administration in India/Identity card issued by the Election Commission of India.

* Emergency Certificate issued by Embassy of India, Kathmandu to Indian nationals in case of emergent conditions.

(c) There is no proposal at this stage to extend the above conditions for travel to Neal by road across the land border.

Signing of NPT

*434. SHRI KA. RA. SUBBIAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only four nations—Cuba, Israel, Pakistan and India have not signed Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT);

(b) if so, whether it will have any negative effect on India;

(c) what is the outcome of the month-long NPT Review Conference; and

(d) whether UN Security Council or the NPT Conference exerted pressure on India to become a member of the NPT?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This is India's considered and consistent position.

(c) The 6th Review Conference of the NPT held in New York from 24th April—20th May concluded with the adoption a final document. Although the document has a reference to an "unequivocal undertaking" on nuclear disarmament and some practical steps to further nuclear disarmament under Article VI of the treaty, there is, however, no substantive change in the position of the NPT nuclear weapon States on nuclear disarmament.

(d) The final document of the NPT Review Conference recalls UN Security Council resolution 1172 and calls on India to undertake the measures set out in that resolution and to accede to the NPT as a non-nuclear weapon State. India has rejected UN Security Council resolution 1172 and maintains that the NPT Community needs to come to terms with the realty that India is a nuclear weapon State.

US Panel for more curbs on Pak Terrorism

*435. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Terrorism: US Panel for more curbs on Pak", which appeared in the Indian Express dated 5th June, 2000;